

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POST OFFICES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria fixed for opening sub - post offices in the country ;
- (b) the number of sub - post offices in existence in Tamil Nadu ; and
- (a) the number of sub post offices proposed to be opened during the year 2000 - 01 in the State.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) The details of criteria for opening of sub - post offices in the country are given in Annexure.
- (b) Total 2764 sub - post offices are in existence in Tamilnadu (including Pondicherry) as on 31-3-2000.
- (b) A target of opening of two sub - post offices during the year 2000 - 01 has been fixed for the State.

ANNEXURE

CRITERIA FOR UPGRADING / OPENING DEPARTMENTAL SUB POST OFFICES

(a) In Rural Areas

The minimum workload of the Extra Departmental Branch Post Office, proposed to be upgraded, should be five hours per day. The permissible limit of annual loss is Rs. 2400/-

(Rupees Two Thousand Four Hundred) in Normal Rural areas and Rs. 4800/-

(Rupees Four Thousand Eight Hundred) in Tribal and Hilly Areas.

(b) In Urban Areas

In Urban Areas, the post office should initially be self-supporting and, at the time of the first annual review, it should show a 5 % profit to be eligible for further retention.

The minimum distance between two post offices should be 1.5 KMs. in cities with a population of 20 Lakhs and above, and 2 KMs. in other Urban Areas. No two delivery offices, however, should be closer than 5 KMs. for each other.

Heads of Postal Circles have powers to relax the distance condition in 10 % of the cases.

A Delivery Post Office in Urban Area should have a minimum of 7 Postmens`s beats.